in Rajya Sabha Unstarred question 684 answered on 16th November, 1988.

Repair of railway bridge in Bhadrak-Kharagpur section

60. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bridge at Nuagan-Mayurbhanj Road Passenger Halt on Western side of railway line of Bhadrak-Kharagpur Section of Kharagpur Railway Division has been completely damaged and is causing danger to the railway traffic; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for its repair/ reconstruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge referred to is a small culvert, located on the kutcha pathway leading to the level crossing, and is repaired as and when necessary.

Special mobile task force for ticketless passengers and chain pullers

61. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deployed special mobile task force in the areas where the incidence of ticketless travelling and chain pullings are unusually high;

(b) if so, which are the areas where such incidents are high and what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of persons caught in those areas during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, regular ticket checking squads exercise greater vigilance where incidence of ticketless travel and unauthorised alarm chain pulling is high. Statements of sections with high ticketless travelling and chain pulling are attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 5]

(c) Area-wise figures are not maintained. 126.92 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket and 1979 were apprehended for unauthorised chain pulling during the last two years on the Railways.

Progress in the setting up of sambalpur railway division

62. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the setting up of Sambalpur Railway Division; and

(b) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Construction work of offices and quarters is in progress. Staff and Officers are being posted at Sambalpur as per requirements. The time by which the division will become fully operational will depend upon the availability of resources.

Survey of rail line from Khurdha road Bolangir via Phulabani in Orissa

63. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposals to undertake the survey of some railway lines in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the survey of the proposed Khurdha Road-Bolangir line *via* Phulabani would be reconsidered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Surveys for Railway lines are undertaken from time to time, as considered necessary.

(b) Survey of the proposed Khurda Road-Bolangir line *via phulbani* is not likely to be reconsidered in view of the additional length, steeper gradients and heavy additional cost involved in taking the line *via* Phulbani.

Development of paradip port

64. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated by Government for the development of Paradip Port in Orissa during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount proposed to be spent on the development of Paradip Port in 1989-90 financial year; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government during these years on the development of the Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) An amount of Rs. 44.05 crores had been allocated for plan schemes of Paradip Port during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 3.909 crores has been provided for plan schemes of Paradip Port during 1989-90.

(c) The major development schemes approved or executed during the Seventh Five Year Plan are as under:

(1) Construction of Fertilizer Berth.

(2) Construction of Third General Cargo Berth.

(3) Replacement of Bucket-wheel Reclaimer.

(4) Construction of roads/ buildings.

(5) Replacement of Cargo handling equipment.

(6) Electrical installations and underground cabling system.

(7) Workshop machinery including building.

(8) Coal handling facilities.

(9) Improvement and modifications to Iron Ore Berth.

The Government have also approved the preparation of a techno-economic report for further development of the Port to receive iron ore vessels upto 1, 70, 000 DWT.

Vacant posts in Railway Stations in Orissa

65. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacanices exist in different Railway Stations in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some posts have been lying vacant in some railway stations since long; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fill up those vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During 1986 to 1988 appointment were made against 1151 posts based on recruitment made by Railway Recruitment Board, Bhubaneswar. These